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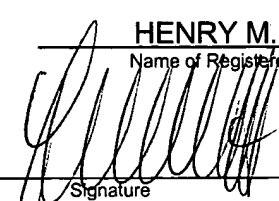
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BRIXIUS-9

In re Application of:)
WOLFGANG BRIXIUS, ET AL.)
Appl. No.: 10/789,196)
Filed: February 27, 2004)
For: CONVEYOR SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORT CONTAINERS)
) Group Art Unit: 3651

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 202 13 326 U1	Dennerlein GmbH	03-27-2003
B)	Europe	EP 1 094 018 A1	Rijksen et al.	04-25-2001

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes a printed circuit board connector element having a plurality of signal contacts (2) arranged grid-like in a spring clip (1) and a shielding unit (3) that contains a first and second ground lamina (4, 5) that are conductively connected via a bridge (6) that have a first impressible ground terminal (7) projecting from it. The ground laminae (4, 5) respectively extend over all intervening signal contacts (2) of a column, whereby a shielding unit is provided for only every second signal contact column. As a result thereof, only one signal contact per two columns need be occupied with ground or, respectively, only one shielding unit per two columns is required for the complete shielding of all columns.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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	DE 20213326 U1	03-27-2003	Germany			No
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